

**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

1 - 9 (cancelled)

10. (new) A frying device for cooking while swimming of portions of foodstuffs and pastries comprising a storage container and a frying drum containing liquefied cooking fat that is connected to the storage container by means of a transportation pipe, the frying drum accommodating a revolving agitator that conveys the cooked portions onto a discharging conveyor chute, and the frying drum being accommodated in a service drum in such a manner as to be axially displaceable.

11. (new) A frying device in accordance with claim 10, wherein the frying drum is designed as a hollow cylinder closed on all sides.

12. (new) A frying device in accordance with claim 11, further comprising a discharge drum arranged in the frying drum, said discharge drum removing the fried material from the frying drum, and a revolving agitator that conveys it into the discharge drum.

13. (new) A frying device in accordance with claim 12, wherein the agitator is connected to an output shaft of an electric motor by means of a plug-in coupling.

14. (new) A frying device in accordance with claim 12, wherein the discharge drum is provided with a slit-shaped recess with a conveyor chute that continues the recess.

15. (new) A frying device in accordance with claim 14, wherein the conveyor chute has a U-shaped profile.

16. (new) A frying device in accordance with claim 15, wherein parallel limbs of the U-shaped profile engage with an inner surface of a pipe-shaped part of the discharge drum.

17. (new) A frying device in accordance with claim 14, wherein a prolongation of the downwardly inclined conveyor chute passes through a cover of the frying drum and a cover of the service drum.

18. (new) A frying device in accordance with claim 14, wherein the frying drum and the discharge drum are designed to be decomposable into their component parts.